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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDIP, CU, NU  
SUBJECT: SOMOZA COMMENTS ON U.S.-CUBA RELATIONS

IN JUNE 22 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SOMOZA ON OTHER MATTERS,  
PRESIDENT BROUGHT UP U.S.-CUBA RELATIONS. HE RECALLED THAT  
HE HAD CONCLUDED IN EARLY 1960' THAT BLOCKADE WOULD UNIFY CUBANS  
RATHER THAN UNDERMINE CASTRO REGIME. SOMOZA ADDED THAT HE HAD  
SO INFORMED ASST. SECRETARIES THOMAS MANN AND ROY RUBOTOOM.  
ACCORDINGLY, HE BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE AN EFFECTIVE STEP FOR  
U.S. TO RESUME COMMERCIAL TIES WITH CUBA. HE EXPLAINED THAT A FLOW  
OF U.S. GOODS, TECHNICIANS, AND BUSINESSMEN WOULD HAVE A SALUTARY  
EFFECT ON CUBA'S INTERNAL SITUATION. HE EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT  
HIS LONG-STANDING OPPOSITION TO CASTRO MADE IT IMPOLITIC FOR HIM  
TO STATE HIS VIEW PUBLICLY.

COMMENT: SOMOZA'S STATEMENT SEEMS TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT RESUMPTION  
OF U.S.-CUBAN COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WOULD NOT PERTURB HIM, BUT HE  
PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE PREPARED FOR ANY SIMILAR TYPE OF TIE BY  
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